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AND METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING THE SAME)

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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent (Laid-Open) Application No. 2000-174145 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.
2. Japanese Patent (Laid-Open) Application No. 2002-083884 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.
3. Japanese Patent (Laid-Open) Application No. 08-125148 - This document discloses a process for SL.
4. Japanese Patent (Laid-Open) Application No. 2002-076299 - This document discloses suppressing crystal defects in a silicon substrate.

English-language abstracts of the documents are enclosed.

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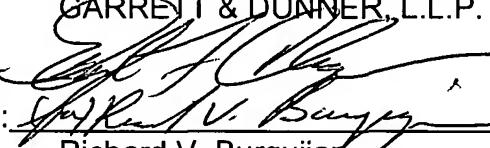
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